

# BARAD-DUR 11

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## THE FUTURE OF BARAD-DUR

This is the shortest issue of BARAD-DUR to date. Would there were more like it! However, I suspect that we'll be back at the old standard shortly -- I envision 3 games per N3F Postal magazine. Since BARAD-DUR only has two, I have started forming a third, which, by my weird and uncomprehensible numbering system, is GB-1966-E. I pity newcomers who try to figure out why B, C, and E.... I may start the Boardman number/letter system, substituting, if I ever get the energy to discover what the games are in that system.

There are 4 players so far in E -- Mark Owings, Margaret Gemignani, Don Miller, and the ever-present Alan Huff. Until January 15 preference will be to people not playing in a current BARAD-DUR game. After that date, any and all are invited. E will begin February 26 at this rate.

For those who are following C, my commentary will explain the whys and wherefores of the missed fall moves....

No BARAD-DUR, even with 3 games going, will exceed 8 pages and 5¢ postage, so if need be I'll cut down propaganda. I cut like a newspaper -- from the bottom up -- so write your material accordingly!

The first complete set of orders which I receive are the orders in play; it saves trouble and bookkeeping not to accept conditional orders. Thus, if you mail off orders, get second thoughts, and write special delivery, phone, or telegram me new orders before your initial ones arrive, the new orders are the legal ones. Otherwise, the first stand. FIRST ORDERS IN MY HAND ARE THE ONLY ONES ACCEPTED. Phone calls & telegrams are always acceptable. I accept no responsibility for my hearing, your handwriting, or your diction.

ANY mistake on the part of the gamesmaster must be appealed within 7 days of the BARAD-DUR or the mistake, if at all possible, stands. This happened in B, where I slipped and changed a German army to a fleet. Since it took everyone 3 moves to protest, the unit is a fleet. See also B notes this time for a ruling on clear orders! JLC

SPRING, 1904  
MOVE ORDERS



UPPER CASE MOVES SUCCEED  
LOWER CASE MOVES fail

TURKEY.....fleet smyrna to apulia convoyed by f aegean  
sea and f ionian sea  
TURK. F AEGEAN SEA CONVOYS turk. a smyrna to  
apulia (see note below)  
ARMY ankara to smyrna  
FLEET BLACK SEA TO RUMANIA  
FLEET BULGARIA (SC) TO GREECE  
A SEVASTOPOL (S) A MOSCOW  
A MOSCOW (S) AUSTR. A WARSAW TO LIVONIA

RUSSIA.....A ST. PETERSBURG (S) A NORWAY  
a norway (s) ger. f denmark to sweden  
a ukraine to moscow

AUSTRIA.....A WARSAW TO LIVONIA  
A GALICIA TO WARSAW  
A BUDAPEST TO GALICIA  
A VIENNA TO TYROLIA  
A TRIESTE (S) A VIENNA TO TYROLIA  
F IONIAN SEA CONVOYS turk a smyrna to apulia

ITALY.....a marseilles (s) ger. a burgundy to gascony  
F GULF OF LYON TO SPAIN (SC)  
F WEST. MED. (S) F GULF OF LYON TO SPAIN  
A VENICE STANDS  
f naples to the ionian sea

GERMANY.....army burgundy to gascony  
a belgium to burgundy  
a rhur (s) a belgium to burgundy  
a munich (s) a belgium to burgundy  
f holland to bolgium  
f denmark to sweden

FRANCE.....a paris to burgundy  
A PICARDY (S) a paris to burgundy  
f spain to marseilles  
a gascony (s) f spain to marseilles

ENGLAND.....f skaggerak to sweden  
f north sea to norway  
F NORWEGIAN SEA (S) f north sea to norway

French Fleet Spain (sc) is dislodged. Huff was contacted  
and in his summer move moved FLEET SPAIN (SC) TO PORTUGAL, sav-  
ing us two weeks. I must say that you people come up with the  
damndest situations. In two places I had extremely difficult  
rulings. I will now justify them, though it take loads of space.  
In the matter of the failure of the turkish convoy, you must  
remember that Diplomacy is supposed to be like actual battle.  
An incorrectly delivered order makes a unit confused and it stands.

Thus, although F Aegean was ordered to convoy A Smyrna, army Smyrna was NOT ordered to undertake the journey, this job being assigned to F Smyrna, which doesn't exist. Hence, the convoy fails. This should be a lesson to writing exacting orders and double-checking them.

In the French mess a great deal of support problems arose. The question "who gets what and where?" is evident. The uncontested acquisition by Italy of Spain presented an even bigger problem elsewhere. Again, in order to resolve the difficulties, we must think of a battlefield situation. The French attempt to move the fleet to Marseilles fails because of the unit in Marseilles plus the fact that Gascony, under attack, could not support. Bouncing back to Spain, the fleet discovered overwhelming odds, and retreated further. However, the fleet's attack on Spain did cut Marseilles' support of the German unit attempting to get into Gascony; the fight for Gascony became 1-1, and A Burgundy remained where it was. Now the situation is ticklish. France pushed A Paris, with support, into Burgundy. However, also attempting to come in was the German A Belgium, a relief unit, with 2 additional units in support. Hence, while A Burgundy was fighting in Gascony, a 3 power German force fought a 2-power French force in Burgundy, and the Germans obviously win that one. However, the Germans then had to pull back themselves to allow Burgundy to return, since the rules state that no player may dislodge his own unit by his own force of arms. Thus, the status quo was maintained there. It was exceptionally good play on France's part which kept that situation static.

In the north, Norway was supported by St. Pete, thus bouncing back the British invaders. In Sweden, then, the Russian support of German intervention failed, the British fleet & German fleet thus standing each other off.

In the Ionian, had the Turkish order been correctly written the convoy would have worked, since Ionian was attacked but not dislodged. WHEW! Glad that's over.

DEADLINE FOR THE FALL, 1904 MOVE ORDERS IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1966, AT 6 P.M. E.S.T.

#### PROPAGANDA

**\*\*Herr von Reinsel** has decided to help Sweden secure its independence by popular election to be held in 1907. Until then a German fleet will be based in the country. He also thanks the government of Rome for his offer of help to liberate Gascony.

**\*\*Sultan Donlad** has decreed that the Vatican is a menace to world peace and has ordered his forces into action against the Italian troops guarding it. We call upon the other European nations to come to our aid in this Holy War -- crush the Pope before he dominates all of Europe!

**\*\*Memo from Brig. Gen. Pfitzenstartz**, Supreme Commander Hungarian Grand Fleet, to the Wholey Roman Emperor: Felicitas est papvus canis calidus!

**\*\*From Rome:** Romani Imperator Regi Francorum: Ave atque vale.

**\*\*Memo from Commodore Grampanyrupe**, Austrian Army, to the English Lord of Admiralty: Beware the fickle fate of Czar Fregebord the Freeloader!

WINTER, 1902  
BUILD & ELIMINATION  
ORDERS  
GB-196S-C

UPPER CASE SUCCEEDS  
lower case fails

GERMANY.....REMOVES ARMY RHUR  
RUSSIA.....BUILDS ARMY SEVASTOPOL  
ENGLAND.....BUILDS FLEET EDINBURGH  
FRANCE.....BUILDS ARMY PARIS

Deadline for the Spring, 1903 move orders is JANUARY 15 (Saturday), 1966, at 6 P.M. E.S.T. Fall moves for Russia & Germany came in exactly one week late. Germany was a victim of the USPO beyond doubt -- but allowing 2 days in the week before Christmas is stretching it, Pat. Russia sent hers on a postcard, which is 2nd class anyway. I'm really surprised that, considering the Christmas crush, it arrived at all. Be on the safe side & send moves sealed -- you're supposed to anyway.

A question's been asked in regard to the fate of somebody who is eliminated from the game. Any player who paid his \$4 will continue to receive BARAD-DUR even if eliminated for the duration of the game from which he was eliminated. However, a resignation immediately terminates subscription as well. To be on the safe side, why not send a buck sub, to be applied when your playing sub runs out -- or join E....

Remember, too, if a player misses two consecutive MOVES -- not counting summer & winter -- that is, a consecutive spring/fall miss or a consecutive winter/spring miss, he'll be eliminated by the gamesmaster &, if the country's playable, replaced.

3 items of propaganda this time:

Turkey to Italy - Are you sure you declared war on the right country?

It is a bleak, cold winter for Germany indeed, yet, strangely, this harsh winter has affected only the southernmost of our divisions.

Wein, Jan. 1, 1903 (Reuters): Informed sources report that the King-Emperor Franz-Jerald has been placed under restraint at the Winter Palace. It is said that he continually mutters, "Attack Russia! Attack Turkey! Attack Italy! Attack Germany! Attack France! Attack England!"

TO ALL YOU DIPLOMANIACS:

HAVE A VERY, VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR,  
and, to crib from Konig,

May all your wars be on a Diplomacy board....